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SUBJECT: WELT AM SONNTAG (WAS) POLL, FRENCH PUBLIC
OPINION

1. WELT AM SONNTAG, NATIONAL PAPER (CIRC. 451,000)
COMMISSIONED SOFRES TO EXAMINE FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION
ABOUT THE FRG. PAPER REPORTS "THE FRENCH SEE IN THE FRG
AN ALLIANCE PARTNER AS RELIABLE AS THE U.S. 85 PERCENT
CONFIRM GERMAN DILIGENCE AND DISCIPLINE. ONLY 19 PERCENT
BELIEVE GERMAN INFLUENCE TO BE TOO STRONG." QUESTION AND
ANSWER DETAILS BELOW.

2. "WHEN YOU THINK OF FRG POLITICAL INFLUENCE, DO YOU
BELIEVE IT TO BE TOO STRONG, TOO WEAK, OR JUST RIGHT?"
TOO STRONG 19 PERCENT; TOO WEAK 8 PERCENT; JUST RIGHT
45 PERCENT; NO OPINION 28 PERCENT. WAS ADDS THAT AMONG
COMMUNISTS AND PEOPLE OVER 50 (36 PERCENT AND 24 PERCENT)
DISTRUST OF THE FRG IS THE STRONGEST.

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3. "WHICH COUNTRY IN YOUR OPINION IS THE MOST RELIABLE

ALLY OF FRANCE?" USA 30 PERCENT; FRG 29 PERCENT; ENGLAND 15 PERCENT. WAS ADDS THAT "AMONG COMMUNISTS ONLY 20 PERCENT AND THOSE OVER 65 ONLY 21 PERCENT HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FRG. THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE IS AMONG YOUTH (33 PERCENT) AND THE DE GAULLISTS (34 PERCENT). HOWEVER, THE LATTER ALSO GIVE THE U.S. 36 PERCENT, TWO PERCENT MORE THAN THE FRG. IN ONE QUESTION ALL FRENCH ARE UNIFIED....ONLY 2 PERCENT OPT FOR ITALY, THE COUNTRY FRENCH POLITICIANS SO VEHEMENTLY PROTECTED AGAINST THE SCOLDING OF THE FRG CHANCELLOR."

4. "ONE SAYS THE GERMANS ARE VERY DILIGENT AND DISCIPLINED. IN YOUR OPINION, IS THIS TRUE OR FALSE?" TRUE 85 PERCENT; FALSE 5 PERCENT; NO OPINION 10 PERCENT. WAS ADDS "72 PERCENT SEE GERMAN DISCIPLINE AND DILIGENCE AS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE FRENCH. ONLY 12 PERCENT DO NOT RECOGNIZE IT AS A MODEL. AMONG DE GAULLISTS 83 PERCENT SEE A GOOD EXAMPLE IN THESE TWO CHARACTERISTICS, AMONG THE COMMUNISTS ONLY 57 PERCENT."

5. "DO YOU SEE ANY DANGER IN YOUR NEIGHBOR'S DILIGENCE AND DISCIPLINE?" DANGEROUS 23 PERCENT; NOT DANGEROUS 58 PERCENT; NO OPINION 19 PERCENT.
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